[Mr. K. George.]

(*b*) The author of the map referred to is Mr. T. S. Nelliappa Aiyar.

The Inspector has the power to purchase and supply to the departmental schools under him such educational appliances as he considers satisfactory to the extent of the funds placed at his disposal or the purpose.

Raising the Women's College to the First Grade.

207. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to call for and lay on the table the report of the Syndicate on the affiliation of the College for Women as a First Grade College to the University of Madras.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information regarding any report of the Syndicate. The Registrar has forwarded an extract from the report of the Inspection Commission appointed to conduct a local enquiry at the College and a copy of this extract* is laid on the table. The Registrar has stated that "the Syndicate is not pleased to grant the request for affiliation in the present circumstances".

Maintenance of the Ryots' Road to Tiruvanmandur.

208. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) of a four-mile road constructed by the people from the neighbourhood of the 76th mile of the M. C. road to the place called Tiruvanmandur;

(*b*) of the representation in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly praying for the handing over of this road to the Public Works Department;

(*c*) of petitions to the same purpose from the people of the locality submitted to the Government from the time of Dewan Mr. Krishnan Nair;

(*d*) that the construction of five culverts alone will not make it a cart-road;

(*e*) of the sufferings of the people of the locality for want of a cart-road; and

(*f*) of the visit of the present Chief Engineer to the place and of his promise to the people that the said road would be taken charge of by the Public Works Department?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are prepared to issue orders to make the said road a cart-road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

* *Vide* Appendix V—pages 980—986.

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(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) An estimate has been received by the Chief Engineer which provides for thorough improvement of the road including culverts.

(*e*) The Government note the information.

(*f*) No. The Chief Engineer states that he made no such promise but only informed the people that he would forward his recommendation to the Government.

(2) This will be considered.

Chengannur-Aranmula Road.

209. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Have the Government received any petition complaining about the narrowness of the Chengannur-Aranmula road at the Puttenkavu street and of the consequent congestion of traffic there?

(2) Are the P. W. D. authorities fully aware of the impossibility of widening that road at the particular place?

(3) Have the Government enquired whether that portion of the road is usually submerged during flood-time?

(4) Are the Government aware of the representation made in the last (23rd) session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly by Mr. K. R. Nilakanta Pillai, Member, Tiruvalla, praying for taking up and widening the village road from Angadikal to Puttenkavu branching off from the Chengannur-Aranmula road at the neighbourhood of the English Girls' School, Chengannur, in order to obviate the above difficulty?

(5) Will the Government be pleased to sanction the abovesaid deviation in the Chengannur-Aranmula road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) The matter is under investigation by the Chief Engineer.

(3) Yes.

(4) Yes.

(5) This will be considered after the Chief Engineer's report on the subject is received.

Improvement of Paddy cultivation in Vaikam Taluk.

210. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any memorial or other representations from the public of Udayamperur and Parur in the Vaikam taluk, stating that, in order to improve the paddy cultivation of these places, a bund and a canal are necessary; if so, the action taken by them in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Memorials have been received. The matter is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer who has recently inspected the locality. It is proposed to conduct a further joint inspection by the P. W. D. officers of the Cochin and the Travancore States as the co-operation of the former Government is also necessary in the matter. Further action will be taken after this joint inspection is made.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to ask the Chief Engineer to expedite the matter?

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